

"The best novel since 'The Old Wives' Tale'"

CERTAIN PEOPLE OF IMPORTANCE

By Kathleen Norris

IT is a wonderful, an epic book. It reminded me of Arnold Bennett's *Old Wives' Tale*. I couldn't stop reading it, and as it is long it played havoc with what I ought to have been doing.

The Author of *Elizabeth and Her German Garden*

THE book is a remarkable one, the best thing Mrs. Norris has done, an amazing picture of an entire phase of American life. Here is the truth about the past generations as it has not often been told.

HILDEGARDE
HAWTHORNE

I find it a great document of America. It is the very heart of America. It is like a novelization of the creation of our world.

S. S. McCLURE

WHEN you stop to think of the number of characters she handles, the individuality she gives to each, the fidelity of human nature, the truth to life, I am bound in common fairness and candor to say that in my experience it is one of the biggest books ever written by anyone.

GENE STRATTON-PORTER

IT is delightful and fascinating and intensely real, as all her books are. I am always dead to the world outside when I have a book of Kathleen Norris' to read.

ALICE WILLIAMSON

I LAUGHED all the way through at the things that I had forgotten but which lived again in her pages.

MRS. THOS. G. WINTER
President Gen'l Federation of
Women's Clubs

IT is a book which must be read by all good Americans. It is their duty, and will be to their pleasure and profit to read it; this epic of American life written of their own by a great writer of their own.

NEW YORK EVENING POST

WE actually live in San Francisco or in the suburbs from 1849 to the time preceding the fire — actually live — for Mrs. Norris absorbed in her work, sympathetic with it, not in merely the attitude of a cool observer, gives us what comes near to being the "great American novel."

THE NEW YORK TIMES

IT is my ideal of the novel, the thing that I am always looking for. This is the best novel I have read since *The Old Wives' Tale*.

HARRY LEON WILSON

KATHLEEN NORRIS is the only writer since Dickens to successfully take up an obscure family of plain people and carry them down through five generations.

NASHVILLE BANNER

NEVER before has Mrs. Norris proved herself a greater artist than in this book, where she deals with so many characters, with not one character too many, each having its appointed place in the story, with its own individual personality to round out the perfect whole.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT

AFTER all there is nothing more surprising and inspiring than the study of the age which just precedes that in which one lives. Mrs. Norris gives all those people (whom all of us know!) who sigh for "the old days" a startling opportunity to recall what those days were and to decide whether they would have them back if they could!

DOROTHEA L. MANN

AS an artist painting the everyday life of everyday people she is marvellous.

SOPHIE KERR
UNDERWOOD

KATHLEEN NORRIS has produced a novel that has in it the seeds of immortality, for it is based upon a thoughtful depiction of American life and an important period of American national history. 'Certain People of Importance' is more than an event in the literary world—it marks an epoch in the history of literature.

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